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Dear 4-H Family,

The Kentucky 4-H Program is looking forward to welcoming you and your family to the University of Kentucky, State 4-H Communications Day on **July 8, 2017**.

This purpose of this letter is to give you a little more information about the day and answer some questions in advance. If you have further questions, please contact your county 4-H or CES agent directly.

- LOCATION:** White Hall Classroom Building  
(Main campus/map included) or look online for more detail and driving directions at <http://maps.uky.edu/campusmap/>
- DATE:** **Saturday, July 8 2017 (all times are Eastern)**
- TIME:** Contest registration begins in rooms at 9:00 a.m.
- PARKING:** Parking is free in any lot marked "E" Employee, R2, R3, R4, and R11 (resident). THE STUDENT CENTER LOT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR! I would suggest parking in the Scott Street "E" lot after unloading on Administration Drive. There is also a pay parking garage on South Upper directly passed the Fazolis on the left. You can also enter on Limestone side after pulling out of Administration Drive. See map for a walking route (in orange) from parking to Classroom Building. Please be careful crossing street!
- QUESTIONS:** Questions should be addressed directly to your county 4-H agent.
- SCHEDULE:** The schedule for the day is included in this packet.

#### Tips and Additional Information

- 1) Please verify with your county agent that your child has been registered in the correct category. They have been sent a master registration list. Youth registered in the incorrect category will be transferred to the correct category but will not be eligible for champion placement and will receive a blue, red, or white flat ribbon only.
- 2) If you have a lot of equipment to unload you can drive to the top of the loop on Administration Drive and unload there. You can then proceed to park in one of the designated areas (see the attached map) and go to the opening ceremony. **DO NOT drive up the sidewalk to unload directly next to the classroom building.** Please remember that contests will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. If you are late, please wait for a moment in between speeches or demonstrations.
- 3) Presentation order in each room will be done in alphabetical order by participant's last name, starting with "A." The only exception is Team Demonstrations, and they will go in alphabetical order of county.
- 4) There will be a photography room for your child to get their picture made. You will receive a picture that day! Photos will also be posted on an internal website and can be accessed by your county agent.

- 5) Classroom space is limited so keep this in mind when planning your trip. In some cases it may be necessary for some family members to wait outside the classroom when their son or daughter is NOT conducting their speech/demonstration.
- 6) Bringing your own easel is suggested. In the past many people have chosen to bring their own easel with which their child has practiced and is comfortable. Easels will be available if you do not have one.
- 7) An LCD projector and laptop will be provided for use in the Presentation Software Category.
- 8) **Food category participants!** This is a campus classroom building. Please note that there are no kitchen facilities, microwaves, etc available. Please bring cleaning supplies to clean up after yourself. Electrical outlets are available in most rooms, but you will want to bring an extension cord and/or power strip.
- 9) Please remember that no weapons or firearms (including guns, bullets, bows, arrows, etc) or animals are allowed on the University of Kentucky campus. Only mock-ups of these should be used in demonstrations.
- 10) Champions will be invited to the Champions Reception with cake and punch. Champions will also receive their plaque here. This is a come and go event. Your room host will let you know the location.

I hope your participation in this event is pleasant and your child has a good experience. If you have any further questions, please contact your county 4-H extension agent.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tackett  
Kentucky 4-H State Communications Day Coordinator  
University of Kentucky  
Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

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## State 4-H Communications Day

### *University of Kentucky — Directions & Parking*

The annual State 4-H Communications Day is held in July on the University of Kentucky Campus in the Whitehall Classroom Building. Possible directions are listed below. **It is suggested that you confirm these with your 4-H agent or someone familiar with the Lexington area prior to travel due to continuous road upgrades around the University campus.**

#### Information

UK Campus Map: <http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/>

Whitehall Classroom

Building Webpage: <http://www.ppd.uky.edu/Facilities/Bldg/BldgDetail.asp?BldgNo=0025>

#### **HOW TO ADMINISTRATION DRIVE AND PARKING**

**From I-75 North: (Traveling from Southeastern Kentucky)** Take Exit 104 (marked Athens/Lexington).

Turn left off the ramp onto Athens-Boonesboro Road and follow for 8.2 miles to downtown.

Turn left onto Rose Street.

Turn right at the 4th traffic light onto Avenue of Champions/Euclid Avenue.

Turn left onto South Upper Street (at Fazoli's)

Turn left on to Administration Drive (look for stone parking attendant building) for drop off or Right onto Scott Street for parking. Parking lot is on left. If this lot is full proceed across the street behind Dickey Hall and Taylor Education.

**From I-75 South/I-64 East or West: (Traveling from Northern Kentucky, Louisville, or Eastern Kentucky)**

Take Exit 115 (Newtown Pike).

Turn right off the exit ramp coming from North, Turn left coming from South.

Follow through downtown for 3.5 miles.

Turn left onto West Main Street

Turn right on South Upper (past Rupp Arena)

Turn left on to Administration Drive (look for stone parking attendant building) for drop off or Right onto Scott Street for parking. Parking lot is on left. If this lot is full proceed across the street behind Dickey Hall and Taylor Education.

**From Bluegrass Parkway: (Traveling from Elizabethtown or Western Kentucky)**

Turn right off the exit onto Route 60 (Versailles Rd.).

Follow until it becomes a one-way street, West Maxwell Street.

Turn right onto South Upper Street

Turn left on to Administration Drive (look for small parking attendant building) for drop off or Right onto Scott Street for parking. Parking lot is on left. If this lot is full proceed across the street behind Dickey Hall and Taylor Education.

## Schedule of Events

- 8:00 a.m. Volunteer check in Lobby
- 9:00 a.m. Participants register in rooms with room host  
Danish ribbons and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place announced in rooms, Champions invited  
to Champion's reception
- 10:00 a.m. Photo Room Open  
Snacks and drinks available in lobby of Whitehall

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## RULES FOR KENTUCKY 4-H TALK PROGRAM

1. Any boy or girl age 9-19 (must have passed their 9th birthday but have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current program year) may participate in the 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Program) on a county basis. **SENIORS** must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.

**NOTE: AGE REQUIREMENTS:** We understand that districts may host their event in the Fall which falls before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year for the State Communication's event. Please keep this in mind when certifying age on the registration form for the State Event. (i.e. youth may be age 15 in November, however, state event is not until Spring of next year, youth has a birthday Dec. 1, and is now age 16 for the state event, he/she cannot be the area representative for the 15 age category).

2. Each District may send two (2) participants per category. Exception: District 3, may have three youth per category.
3. State standard is that state communication day event participants earn a blue ribbon at the district level to qualify for the state communications day event.
4. Registration may be from county or district level and must be completed online for the state event.
5. Speeches by Senior youth (14-19 age youth) must be between 5 to 7 minutes long. Speeches by Junior youth (9-13 age youth) must be between 3 to 5 minutes.
6. **Senior Level:** Because this is an educational learning experience, the Senior 4-Her is expected to choose a topic, research and write their own speech. A participant may have help with practicing the speech.  
**Junior Level:** The 4-Her may have assistance in writing and preparation based on age level.
7. A penalty of three points will be subtracted from the speaker's **total overall score** for time errors (under/over time). The time requirement penalty will apply to the State Public Speaking, but not necessarily to county or district events. Participants will be eligible for champion placement.
8. No visual aids will be used in the Kentucky 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Meet). **Costumes (special outfits)** and/or electronic equipment are considered visual aids. Speakers using visual aids will receive a ribbon, but will not be considered for champion placement.
9. The use of note cards is optional. Points will not be added or subtracted for the use of note cards unless the speaker uses them in a distracting manner.
10. Dramatic readings, dramatic monologues and recitation of poems (as the entire speech) including web based information will not be accepted in the Public Speaking (4-H Talk Meet). Excessive or distracting body or hand gestures are unacceptable. These distractions will be counted against participant in the scoring section.
11. The contestant will be introduced by name, and subject (title) by the room host when s/he will present their talk. Talk should not include the speaker's name or residence; however there will be no penalty if name, county, and subject (title) are used during the talk.
12. Previous State Public Speaking (Talk Meet) champions are **not eligible** to compete in the same age category.
13. These rules supersede all previous published rules on the Kentucky 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Meet).

14. The decisions of the judges are FINAL!

STATE 4-H DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) This event includes both Demonstrations (Team and Individual) and Illustrated talks.
- 2) Each District can send two (2) participants per category.
- 3) State standard is that state communication day event participants earn a blue ribbon at the district level to qualify for the state communications day event.
- 4) NO LIVE ANIMALS of any size are permitted.
- 5) Junior Demonstrations: Any member age 9-13 may compete in Junior Demonstrations as per their age determined on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the state contest is held.  
Senior Demonstrations: Any member age 14-19 may participate in Senior Demonstration (must have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but have not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the state contest is held). Age is determined by the date of the State event, not when the district or multi-county group hosts their event.
- 6) Time limit for project demonstrations will be 5 to 15 minutes. (INCLUDING BREADS) Demonstrations going under or over time will be assessed a 3 point penalty from their **overall final score** and be given a blue, red or white ribbon and WILL be eligible for Champion placement.
- 7) State Champions may participate only in categories in which they have NOT previously won.
- 8) A participant may have help with practicing the demonstration or speech. Preparation may include practicing in front of peers, club leaders, etc. **At the SENIOR LEVEL, the 4-H'er is expected to demonstrate original work – choosing a topic, researching it and writing their own speech or demonstration. The internet may be used as a reference source but NOT as a source for a non-original speech or demonstration.**
- 9) A participant may have help setting up their demonstration, but may not have another person helping during the demonstration. Only team demonstrations may have more than one person participating. There shall be no assistance from the audience.
- 10) It is suggested that the speech or demonstration given by the 4-H'er be a new topic from previous years.
- 11) Team demonstrations ARE permitted at the state level. They will follow the same rules and regulations of the single participant demonstrations. Two (2) 4-H members will comprise a team. Each person must have a significant speaking and presentation portion. Team demonstrations will be placed in a Junior Category or a Senior Category regardless of topic. All team members must be in the same age category.
- 12) A 4-H'er need not be enrolled in a project to give a demonstration; however, they should be encouraged to use demonstrations as an educational tool in their project area.
- 13) A demonstration obviously entered in the wrong category may be moved to the correct category if there is no more than one other person from that district entered. If a participant cannot be moved, they will be given a blue, red, or white rating but will NOT be eligible for Champion placement.

- 14) Weapons of any sort can not be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.
- 15) The decisions of the judges are FINAL.
- 16) The contestant will be introduced by name and title by the room host. There will be no penalty if name and subject or title is used during the presentation.
- 17) The use of computers and presentation equipment is allowed in the presentation software category only. It is not allowed in any other category. \*Ipads may be used in place of notecards.
- 18) Videos may not be used during presentations in any category.
- 19) You may participate in the individual demonstrations or choose to participate in the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.
- 20) Horse and Egg Demonstrations are not held in conjunction with State 4-H Communication's Day and are not governed under these rules. See "Additional Demonstration Opportunities" at bottom of page for more information.

#### **Additional Demonstration Opportunities**

The following additional speaking opportunities are available to interested youth. **They are NOT part of the State 4-H Communications Day Contest and may have different qualifications, rules, etc.** Please contact your county agent or the contact people below for more information on participating in these events.

**Horse Demonstrations** – Contact your county extension agent for information on registering for this event. Rules and Resources are available in the "Official Handbook and Leader's Guide for State Horse Activities" Revised 2006. State Contact is Amy Lawyer, Equine Extension Associate, [amy.lawyer@uky.edu](mailto:amy.lawyer@uky.edu).

**Egg Demonstrations** – Contact your county extension agent for information on registering for this event. Egg demonstrations include information on eggs, how to prepare an egg dish, and a finished sample for judges. These can be up to 12 minutes in length. State contact is Dr. Tony Pescatore, State Specialist for Poultry, [apescato@uky.edu](mailto:apescato@uky.edu).

